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SUBJECT: Activities of IL-28 Type Aircraft in North China and Manchuria

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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118—Part II.)

This report forwards information on IL-28 type aircraft in North China and in Manchuria as requested by FEAF Specific Request Number 1-3-6-S. The exact method used by original sources to obtain this information is unknown, however, this report is classified TOP SECRET and "FAMISH" reference used inasmuch as it represents a compilation of some information contained in previous reports bearing TOP SECRET classification.

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5 December 1952	6 IL-28's
15 December 1952	10 IL-28's
20 December 1952	6 IL-28's
26 November 1952	8 IL-28's
28 November 1952	9 IL-28's
1 December 1952	2 IL-28's
2 December 1952	8 IL-28's
8 December 1952	9 IL-28's
15 December 1952	10 IL-28's
23 December 1952	6 IL-28's
31 December 1952	8 IL-28's
TOTAL	107 IL-28's

2. These aircraft are reported to be stationed at the following air bases:

a. Dairen - - - 5.

b. Kung Chu Ling (43° 30'N; 124° 45'E) - - - - 55.

c. Lung Chiang (47° 17'N; 123° [illegible]

3. The fifty five (55) IL-28's said to be stationed at Kung Chu Ling are still believed to be assigned to the Soviet Air Force. However, CAF A-2 believes that these aircraft will be transferred to the North Korean Air Force, since it has received reports indicating that the NKAF has been undergoing extensive training on IL-28's. CAF also believes that since the NKAF has received IL-28's and has

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Reference FEAF message V 0024 IN-REQ (TOP SECRET) Specific Request number 1-3-6-S, the following information covering the location strength and activity of IL-28 aircraft in Manchuria and North China was received from the Chinese Air Force A-2 (NGRC) and from the Ministry of National Defense, G-2 during the period 4 November 1952 to 13 January 1953 inclusive. While reporting officer is unable to state exact method of obtaining information by original sources, this report is classified TOP SECRET and "FAMISH" reference used inasmuch as it represent a compilation of some information contained in previous reports bearing that classification.

1. Soviet Air Force IL-28's were reported to have flown into Manchuria and North China over the Chita (52° 06'N; 113° 30'E) Lung Chiang (47° 17'N; 123° 56'E) route on the following dates, with total number of aircraft in these flights as listed. It is believed possible by CAF, A-2 that more IL-28's than this number may have been flown in from Soviet Territory, but there are no reports to confirm this.

27 October 1952	10 IL-28's
4 November 1952	9 IL-28's
6 November 1952	12 IL-28's
15 November 1952	12 IL-28's
20 November 1952	4 IL-28's
26 November 1952	10 IL-28's
28 November 1952	9 IL-28's
1 December 1952	2 IL-28's
2 December 1952	8 IL-28's
8 December 1952	9 IL-28's
19 December 1952	10 IL-28's
23 December 1952	6 IL-28's
31 December 1952	8 IL-28's
TOTAL	109 IL-28's

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2. These aircraft are reported to be stationed at the following air bases:

a. Dairen - - - 6.

b. Kung Chu Ling (43° 30'N; 124° 45'E) - - - - 55.

c. Lung Chiang (47° 17'N; 123° 56'E) - - - - - 48.

3. The fifty five (55) IL-28's said to be stationed at Kung Chu Ling are still believed to be assigned to the Soviet Air Force. However, CAF A-2 believes that a number of these aircraft will be transferred to the North Korean Air Force, since A-2 has received reports indicating that the NKAF has been undergoing extensive training in TU-2's. CAF A-2 also believes that since the CCAF has received IL-28's and the

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CCAF 8th Air Division is now undergoing training on these aircraft, that the same pattern will be followed with a unit of the NKAF. No other information is available from either CAF or MND concerning the activities of the IL-28's at Kung Chu Ling.

4. At the present time the Chinese Communist 8th Air Division is reported as having forty eight (48) IL-28's assigned to it. It is believed by CAF A-2 that this Division will be equipped entirely with IL-28's, and that additional aircraft will be transferred to the 8th Air Division from Kung Chu Ling. The 8th Air Division is expected in turn to transfer a number of its TU-2's to the recently formed CCAF 25th Air Division at Cheng Hsien (34° 44'N; 113° 42'E).

5. The CCAF 8th Air Division is reported to have carried out first solo flights with Chinese Communist pilots in IL-28's on 6 December 1952. The Division was reported as having flown its first formation flights with Chinese Communist pilots only, using IL-28's during the latter part of December. These formations have been reported as usually composed of eleven (11) to twelve (12) aircraft. While there is a discrepancy in dates, the CCAF 8th Air Division is reported to have also started bombing training from formation flights of IL-28's during the latter part of December. It is believed by CAF A-2 that the CCAF 8th Air Division will have completed sufficient training on IL-28's during the next three (3) months to be ready to fly combat missions. CAF A-2 and MND G-2 have received no further reports concerning the type of training carried out on IL-28's, other than those indicating bombing training from formation flights of eleven (11) and twelve (12) aircraft.

6. CAF A-2 is of the opinion that the Soviets desire to transfer all IL-28's to the CCAF and NKAF so that the North Korean and Chinese Communist Air Forces pilots will be able to fly these aircraft on combat missions in the Korean War while the Soviets may continue to use the propaganda that they are not actively engaged in the conflict themselves.

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